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Officers' Pay

1. All officers received a base pay of 4,500 crowns per month, 300 crowns per month for each child if the officer was married, and 100 crowns per month for each year of service. In addition to the above amounts, officers of respective ranks received the following rank pay:

Jr Lt:	150	crowns	per	month
Lt :	300	"	"	"
Sr Lt :	450	"	"	"
Capt :	600	"	"	"
Staff Capt:	750	"	"	"
Maj :	1700	"	"	"

2. Officers also received additional pay according to their duty assignments. Pay brackets with which I am familiar are indicated below. There were lower numbers but I do not know the particulars:

20	Regt CO	2000 or 2100	crowns	per	month
21	Bn CO	1700	"	"	"
22	Technical Officer or Executive Officer	1500	"	"	"
23	CO CO	1200	"	"	"
24	Platoon Leader	800	"	"	"

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3. My take-home salary was 8,165 crowns per month, and was broken down as follows:

4,500 Base pay
1,700 Assignment pay (Bn CO)
600 300 crowns per child. [Source had two children.]
600 Rank pay of captain
765 I can not explain the unaccounted 765 crowns but believe that it was for my total years of service. I had over seven years of service.

4. Irrespective of rank, officers drew a per diem allowance of 90 crowns per day when away from their duty station for over 24 hours. Any expenditures for railroad, streetcar, taxi fare, hotel rooms or telephone calls were reimbursed if properly certified receipts were presented.
5. Officers were given a complete uniform when commissioned and a new uniform after every four years of service. However, a pair of Russian-type high boots was authorized only once every five years. The service uniform could be drawn from unit supply. In 1949, I was issued two shirts. One was a cotton, khaki, summer shirt of American manufacture. I do not know whether it was a standard issue for all officers, but I saw many officers with the same type of shirt.
6. Promotions of company-grade officers were controlled by the Ministry of National Defense. Field-grade officer promotions had to be approved by the Administration, and General officer promotions by the President of the Republic.

Enlisted Men's Pay

7. EM pay was as follows:
- Pvt: 300 crowns per month (plus three cigarettes per day; cigarettes were issued three times per month)
Pfc: 330 crowns per month (plus three cigarettes per day; cigarettes were issued three times per month)
Cpl: 360 crowns per month (plus three cigarettes per day; cigarettes were issued three times per month)
Sgt: 390 crowns per month (plus three cigarettes per day; cigarettes were issued three times per month)
First Sgt: 600 crowns per month (plus three cigarettes per day; cigarettes were issued three times per month)
M/Sgt: 750 crowns per month (plus three cigarettes per day; cigarettes were issued three times per month)
8. The family of a married soldier who had a child of pre-school age received 1,700 crowns per month and 2,400 crowns if the child were of school age. I remember these figures because two of my men were in this category.
9. EM turned in all uniforms, clothing, and footwear upon discharge; the soldiers had to write home for their civilian clothing prior to discharge; however, one set of underwear could be retained. Any shortages were paid for. No articles of military clothing were worn by civilians.
10. EM received a per diem allowance of 75 crowns per day when away from their duty station for a period of 24 hours or longer, plus any other expenses; receipts, including food, were needed for reimbursement.

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